State of Hawaii DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Aquatic Resources Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

April 13, 2007

Board of Land and Natural Resources Honolulu, Hawaii

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION/APPROVAL TO ISSUE
NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS (NWHI) CONSERVATION AND
MANAGEMENT PERMIT TO CYNTHIA VANDERLIP, OF THE STATE OF HAWAII,
DEPARTMENT LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DLNR), DIVISION OF FORESTRY
AND WILDLIFE (DOFAW), VALID FROM MAY 16, 2007 TO OCTOBER 31, 2007, TO
ACCESS THE WATERS SURROUNDING KURE ATOLL IN ORDER TO REMOVE
MARINE DEBRIS.

The Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) hereby submits a request for your authorization and approval for issuance of a NWHI Conservation and Management Permit to Applicant Cynthia Vanderlip of DLNR, DOFAW, pursuant to § 13-60.5, *Hawaii Administrative Rules*, and § 187A-6, *Hawaii Revised Statutes*, and all other applicable laws and regulations. The Conservation and Management Permit, described below, will allow activity to occur in the NWHI State marine Refuge (0-3 miles) waters surrounding Kure Atoll.

The activities covered under this permit will occur from May 16, 2007 through October 31, 2007, as outlined below and in the attached permit application.

INTENDED ACTIVITIES

Removing marine debris from Kure Atoll addresses the need to minimize the damage debris causes to living resources. Thousands of pounds of derelict fishing gear drift into Kure Atoll's lagoon annually. The debris washes into the lagoon and snags on coral heads, killing coral and destroying the coral reef ecosystem. Monk seals, turtles, seabirds, fish and invertebrates are injured or killed when they become entangled. Since 2002, DLNR/DOFAW personnel have removed an average of 3000 pounds of marine debris per year.

The leader of this project has 20 years of experience removing nets and lines from coral reefs and will supervise all activities. The debris removal protocols include: 1) nets will be cut, not pulled, from the reef to lessen the impact on the corals; 2) divers using snorkeling equipment will be careful to not damage the surrounding reef while they remove debris; 3) broken coral, coraline algae fragments and other living organisms entangled in nets will be removed underwater and returned to the coral reef, and marine mammals and turtles will be removed according to NMFS protocols; 4) data on the location and types of debris removed will be collected in accordance

with NOAA marine debris removal program and the data will be shared with them; 5) vessels with shallow draft will be positioned in close proximity to the debris to lessen the effect of snagging the debris on other corals as it is transported to the vessel, kayaks will be used in areas that are too shallow for motor vessels, and anchoring will be limited to sandy areas far enough away from the reef to avoid chain and line damage to the reef; 6) debris will be catalogued and stored on Kure's pier under tarps until NOAA marine debris teams remove it.

Vessel transportation will be provided by the NOAA R/V Oscar Elton Sette, and the NOAA R/V Hiialakai. Aircraft transportation will be via aircraft chartered by the USFWS Office of Aircraft Services (presently a Gulfstream G-IV to Midway Atoll).

REVIEW PROCESS

The permit application was received by the Division of Aquatic Resources on or before February 1, 2007. It was sent out for review and comment to the following scientific entities: Division of Aquatic Resources staff, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, NOAA Pacific Islands Regional Office (NOAA-PIRO), and United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Native Hawaiians from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), and the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) were also consulted.

Comments were received from NOAA-PIRO, which submitted favorable reviews.

No Comments were received from the DAR, USFWS, OHA or KIRC.

IMPACT ANALYSIS

Removing marine debris is critical to the State of Hawaii's efforts to mitigate the impact of derelict fishing gear at Kure Atoll. Although some disturbance to corals and other sea life is necessary to achieve the objective of this project, overall, the collection should have minimal impact on Monument resources. Debris removal will decrease the negative impact of marine debris on marine resources in State of Hawaii waters. Debris removal will have a positive cumulative impact of increasing the survival rate of these resources by increasing their potential to thrive in manners uninhibited by the damage caused by debris. Therefore, the end value of the activity outweighs the effects of the proposed disturbance associated with the physical removal of the debris.

FINAL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

DAR staff is of the opinion that Applicant has properly demonstrated valid justifications for her application and should be allowed to enter the NWHI State waters and to conduct the activities therein as specified in the application with the following special instructions and conditions, which are in addition to the General Conditions imposed by the Application Guidelines:

1. Direct that Applicant and associated staff shall be briefed on Native Hawaiian cultural traditions and practices at least once a year, and that Applicant shall consider providing additional access for Native Hawaiian cultural studies or practices as appropriate.

- 2. Direct that the hulls of the support vessel and all tender vessels must be certified and documented free of fouling organisms before each cruise to the NWHI. This procedure must be performed prior to each departure from the Main Hawaiian Islands. Inspection records must be immediately submitted to DAR upon request.
- 3. Swimming and snorkeling are allowed only for research activities and for personal hygiene.
- 4. Direct that all forms of fishing, no matter whether for subsistence, sustenance, commercial, or recreational purposes, are prohibited in State waters.

RECOMMENDATION:

"That the Board authorize and approve, with stated conditions, a Conservation and Management Permit to Cynthia Vanderlip of DLNR, DOFAW, for activities and access within the State waters of the NWHI for the purpose of marine debris removal".

Respectfully submitted,

DAN POLHEMUS Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL

Chairperson

	a) violations: Yes		omplete repor	ts: Yes No	
In 2006, Cynthia Va removal at Kure Ato	anderlip was granted permoll	nit number DLNR.1	NWHI06R010 t	o conduct mari	ne debris
Has Applicant been If so, please summar	granted a permit from trize past permits:	the State in the pas	st? Yes 🖂	No 🗌	
Explain: The debris in place in-situ.	is damaging resources wi	thin the NWHI, so	this managemer	nt activity must	take
Could work be cond	ucted outside the NWH	I?: Yes	\boxtimes		
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Are there other rele	vant permits that have/	will be issued with	regard to this	project? Yes No	
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Project Précis & Ba	ckground (Summary of p	project and why this	is proposed):		
Project Dates and D	ouration: <u>May 16, 2007</u>	through October 31	1, 2007		
Project Location(s)	(Both State Waters and N	Ionument): <u>Kur</u>	e Atoll		
Project Applicant:	DLNR, DOFAW Pr	rinciple Investigato	or <u>: Cynthia Van</u>	derlip	
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Permit Type:	Management X Education	Recreation Cultural	☐ Resea	rch al Ocean Use	

Impact Analysis

Removing marine debris is critical to the State of Hawaii's efforts to mitigate the impact of derelict fishing gear at Kure Atoll. Although some disturbance to corals and other sea life is necessary to achieve the objective of this project, overall, the collection should have minimal impact on Monument resources. Debris removal will decrease the negative impact of marine debris on marine resources in State of Hawaii waters. Debris removal will have a positive cumulative impact of increasing the survival rate of these resources by increasing their potential to thrive in manners uninhibited by the damage caused by debris. Therefore, the end value of the activity outweighs the effects of the proposed disturbance associated with the physical removal of the debris.

Additional Comments:	Recommend DAR Staff: NH CWG: Additional C	Approve this permit application Approve this permit application		Reject this permit application Reject this permit application	
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Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument

Permit Application

NOTE: This Permit Application (and associated Instructions) are for activities to be conducted in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument, including Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge, the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, Battle of Midway National Memorial, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands State Marine Refuge, Kure Atoll Hawaii State Seabird Sanctuary, and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve. The Co-Trustees are required to determine that issuing the requested permit is compatible with the findings of Presidential Proclamation 8031. Within this Application, please provide all information that you believe will assist the Co-Trustees in determining how your proposed activities are compatible with the conservation and management of the natural, historical and cultural resources of the NWHI Marine National Monument (Monument).

Summary Information

Applicant name: Cynthia Vanderlip
Permit categories: Research – Please fill out Sections A-D (as applicable) and Appendix A Conservation and Management - Please fill out Sections A-D (as applicable) and Appendix B Education - Please fill out Sections A-D (as applicable) and Appendix B Native Hawaiian Practices - Please fill out Sections A-D (as applicable) and Appendix C Recreation (Midway ONLY) - Please fill out Sections A-D (as applicable) and Appendix D Special Ocean Use - Please fill out Sections A-D (as applicable) and Appendix E
Briefly describe permit activity:
☑ This application is for a RENEWAL of an existing permitted project.☑ This application is for a NEW project.
When will the activity take place?
From: May 19,2007To:_Oct. 5, 2007
NOTE: INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED
Please Send Permit Applications to:
NWHI Marine National Monument Permit Coordinator
6600 Kalaniana'ole Hwy. # 300
Honolulu, HI 96825
Hoku.johnson@noaa.gov
PHONE: (808) 397-2660 FAX: (808) 397-2662

NOTE: SUBMITTAL VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL IS PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED. FOR ADDITIONAL SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS, PLEASE SEE PG 7.

Section A - Applicant Information

1. Applicant

Name (last, first, middle initial): Vanderlip, Cynthia, A

Title: Project leader

2. Mailing address (street/P.O. box, city, state, country, zip):

Phone: 808-352-6218

Fax:

Email: cici55@hotmail.com

For students, major professor's name, telephone and email address:

3. Affiliation (institution/agency/organization directly related to the proposed project):

State of Hawaii DLNR/DOFAW University of Hawaii RCUH/CCRT

4. Additional persons to be covered by permit:

Jaap Eijzenga jeijzeng@hawaii.edu (808) 721-0698 Heather Eijzenga eijzenga@hawaii.edu (808) 535-1587 Michelle Hester michelle@oikonos.org (415) 868-1399 Christin McGuire mcquirec@hawaii.edu (808) 542-1559 Micah Ryder mcguirec@hawaii.edu (808) 542-1559 Bill Gilmartin Bill-Gilmartin@hawaii.rr.com (808) 985-7041

Sheldon Plentovich plentovi@hawaii.edu

Section B: Project Information

5a. Project location(s):		
☐ Nihoa Island	Land-based	Ocean-based
Necker Island (Mokumanamana)	Land-based	Ocean-based
French Frigate Shoals	Land-based	Ocean-based
Gardner Pinnacles	Land-based	Ocean-based
Maro Reef		
Laysan Island	Land-based	Ocean-based
Lisianski Island, Neva Shoal	Land-based	Ocean-based
Pearl and Hermes Atoll	Land-based	Ocean-based
☐ Midway Atoll ── Kure Atoll	Land-based Land-based	Ocean-based
Other	Land-based	Ocean-based
Offici		
Location Description: Inside Kure Atoll Lagoon 5b. Check all applicable regulated activiti Removing, moving, taking, harvesting, pliving or nonliving monument resource Drilling into, dredging, or otherwise altervessel; or constructing, placing, or abandonic submerged lands Anchoring a vessel Deserting a vessel aground, at anchor, or Discharging or depositing any material of Touching coral, living or dead	ring the submerged lands other of any structure, material, or adrift r matter into the monument	g, or damaging any er than by anchoring a other matter on the
Possessing fishing gear except when stove passage without interruption through the monoment resource		nediate use during
Trudeling any fiving monument resource		
Sustenance fishing (Federal waters only, Reserves and Special Management Areas)	•	on Areas, Ecological
Sustenance fishing (Federal waters only,	outside of Special Preservation circuit SCUBA diving within	

6. Purpose/Need/Scope State purpose of proposed activities:

Removing Marine debris from Kure Atoll addresses the need to minimize damage it causes to living resources. Thousands of pounds of derelict fishing gear drift into Kure Atoll's lagoon annually. The debris washes into the lagoon and snags on coral heads, killing the coral and destroying the coral reef ecosystem. Monk seals, turtles, seabirds, fish and invertebrates are injured or killed when they become

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entangled. Since 2002, DLNR/DOFAW personnel have removed an average of 3000 pounds of marine debris per year.

7. As explained further in the instructions, please provide any information that you believe will assist the Co-Trustees in determining how your proposed activities are compatible with the conservation and management of the natural, historical and cultural resources of the Monument: Removing marine debris is critical to the States efforts to mitigate the impact of derelict fishing gear at Kure Atoll. Documenting the type of debris removed will assist managers investigating the cause of the problem. Documenting where the debris was found and the amount of fouling will assist managers projecting how much effort is needed and where to focus efforts in the future.

8. Procedures:

The leader of this project has 20 years of experience removing nets and lines from coral reefs and will supervise all activities. Debris Removal Protocols: 1) Nets will be cut, not pulled, from the reef to lessen the impact on the corals. 2) Divers using snorkeling equipment will be careful to not damage the surrounding reef while they remove debris. 3) Broken coral, coraline algae fragments and other living organisms entangled in nets will be removed underwater and returned to the coral reef. Marine mammals and turtles will be removed according to NMFS protocols. 4) Data on the location and types of debris removed will be collected in accordance with NOAA marine debris removal program and the data will be shared with them 5) Vessels with shallow drafts will be positioned in close proximity to the debris to lessen the effect of snagging the net on other corals as it is transported to the vessel. Kayaks will be used in areas that are too shallow for motor vessels. Anchoring will be limited to sandy areas far enough away from the reef to avoid chain and line damage to the reef. 6) Debris will be catalogued and stored on Kure's pier under tarps until NOAA marine debris teams remove it.

Section C: Logistics

9. Other permits (list and attach documentation of all other related Federal or State permits):

N/A

- 9a. For each of the permits listed, please identify any permit violations or any permit that was suspended, amended, modified or revoked for cause. Please explain the circumstances surrounding the violation or permit suspension, amendment, modification or revocation. $\rm N\!/\!A$
- 10. Funding sources (Please attach copies of your budget, specific to proposed activities under this permit and include funding sources. Please see instructions for more information):

State funds

11. Time frame:

Activity start: May 18, 2007

Activity completion: This is a multi- year activity and the completion date is indefinite. Marine debris removal from coral reefs will always be an activity that needs to be addressed on Kure Atoll.

Dates actively inside the Monument:

From: May 18, 2007

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To: October 30, 2007

Ballast water, Date:
Gear/equipment, Date:
Hull inspection, Date:

Please describe any limiting factors in declaring specific dates of the proposed activity at the time of application: DLNR personnel have not been confirmed on Hiialikai and Sette ship travel and Midway flights. Chief scientists of the NOAA vessels have received my request for transport and will confirm as soon as they have cruise plans. Midway flights for DLNR personnel will be booked as soon as FWS schedules them.

DLNR/DOFAW Personnel schedule inside the Monument:

Cynthia Vanderlip May 18 – October 30, 2007 (Sette, Hiialikai, Midway G1 flight) Jaap and Heather Eijzenga: May 18 – Aug. 13 (Sette) Michelle Hester: May – July (Sette, Hiialikai, Midway G1 flight) Christin McGuire: July 19 – Sept 30 (Sette, Midway G1 flight) Micah Ryder: July 19 – July 18 – Sept 30 (Sette, Midway G1 flight) Bill Gilmartin: Aug 22 – Oct 5 (Sette Hiialikai, Midway G1 flight) Sheldon Plentovich: Aug 22 – Oct 5 (Sette Hiialikai, Midway G1 flight) One person to be announced: Aug 22 – Oct 5 (Sette Hiialikai, Midway G1 flight) 12. Please indicate (with attached documentation) what insurance policies, bonding coverage, and/or financial resources are in place to pay for or reimburse the Monument trustees for the necessary search and rescue, evacuation, and/or removal of any or all persons covered by the permit from the Monument: All personnel are State of Hawaii employees and volunteers. 13. Please check the appropriate box to indicate how personnel will enter the Monument: Vessel (enter monument) Aircraft (exit monument) Provide Vessel and Aircraft information: NOAA vessel Sette and Hi'ialakai Midway G1 flight, Air Service Hawaii 14. What certifications/inspections do you have scheduled for your vessel? Please fill in scheduled date (attach documentation): Rodent free, Date: Tender vessel. Date:

15. Vessel information (NOTE: if you are traveling aboard a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration vessel, skip this question):

NWHI Monument Permit Application Page 6 of 15 Vessel name:

Vessel owner: Captain's name:

Captain's IMO#:

Vessel ID#:

Flag:

Vessel type: Call sign:

Embarkation port:

Last port vessel will have been at prior to this embarkation:

Length:

Gross tonnage:

Total ballast water capacity volume (m3):

Total number of ballast water tanks on ship:

Total fuel capacity:

Total number of fuel tanks on ship:

Marine Sanitation Device:

Type:

How will you comply with the 'No Discharge' regulations stipulated in Presidential Proclamation 8031? Describe in detail. If applicable, please attach schematics of the vessel's discharge and treatment systems:

Other fuel/hazardous materials to be carried on board and amounts:

Please provide proof of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Law Enforcement-approved Vessel Monitoring System (VMS). Please provide the name and contact information of the contractor responsible for installing the VMS system. Please also describe unit name and type:

VMS Email: Inmarsat ID#:

16. Tender information:

On what workboats (tenders) will personnel, gear and materials be transported within the Monument? Please list the number of tenders/skiffs aboard and specific types of motors:

two vessels: Twin Vee 17' Power Cat, and 10' inflatable Apex. These vessels stay on Kure Atoll and are not transported between Honolulu and the Monument.

Three engines will be transported into the monument. They will be washed with bleach and furnigated before they are loaded on to the Sette. 25hp yamaha 4 stroke engine, 9.9 honda 4 stroke engine, 15 hp honda 4 stroke engine

Section D: Additional Information for Land Based Operations

17. Proposed movement of pers	sonnel, gear, materials, and, if applicable, samples:
18. Room and board requireme	ents on island:
19. Work space needs:	
1001, and for perjury, as provided	for false or incomplete statements, as provided by 18 U.S.C. d by 18 U.S.C. 1621, I hereby certify to the best of my abilities ne information I have provided on this application form is true
Centhic Vandal	
•	January 28, 2007
Signature	Date
PLEASE SEND ONE SIGNED OFFICE BELOW: NWHI Marine National Monume 6600 Kalaniana'ole Hwy. # 300 Honolulu, HI 96825 FAX: (808) 397-2662	APPLICATION VIA MAIL TO THE MONUMENT nt Permit Coordinator
DID YOU INCLUDE THESE? Applicant CV/Resume/Biogra Electronic and Hard Copy of A Map(s) or GPS point(s) of Pro Funding Proposal(s) Funding and Award Documen Documentation of Insurance, i Documentation of Inspections Documentation of all required Statement of information you	Application with Signature bject Location(s), if applicable station, if already received already received Federal and State Permits or applications for permits

Monument: none

Appendix A: Research OR Conservation and Management Application

NOTE: If land or marine archeological activities are involved, please contact the Monument Permit Coordinator at the address on the general application form before proceeding, as a customized application will be needed. For more information, please contact the Monument office on the first page of this application.

1a. Collection of specimens - collecting activities (would apply to any activity): organisms or objects (List of species, if applicable, attach additional sheets if necessary): n/a
Common name:
Scientific name:
& size of specimens:
Collection location:
☐ Whole Organism ☐ Partial Organism
1b. What will be done with the specimens after the project has ended? N/a
1c. Will the organisms be kept alive after collection? Yes No
• Specific site/location:
• Is it an open or closed system? Open Closed
• Is there an outfall? Yes No
• Will these organisms be housed with other organisms? If so, what are the other organisms?
• Will organisms be released?
2. If applicable, how will the collected samples or specimens be transported out of the Monument?
3. Describe collaborative activities to share samples, reduce duplicative sampling, or duplicative research:
4a. Gear and materials:
4b. Please list all Hazardous Materials you propose to take to and use within the

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- 5. Fixed installations and instrumentation: n/a
- 6. Provide a time line for sample analysis, data analysis, write-up and publication of information: report within 30 days of return from Kure.
- 7. List all publications directly related to the proposed project: n/a

DID YOU INCLUDE THESE?
Material Safety Data Sheets for Hazardous Materials

• Will organisms be released?

Appendix B: Education Application

1. Are you collaborating with others in any way to reduce duplicative activities in the Monument or elsewhere? $N\!/\!a$
2. Gear and materials: snorkeling equipment. All snorkeling gear will be washed with bleach fresh water solution within one week before transport.
3. Fixed installations and instrumentation: N/A
4. Is your proposed activity based on a State Department of Education Standards Based Curriculum? If so, please describe: N/A
5. What materials, products or deliverables will be developed as a result of your proposed activity? Provide a time line for write-up and publication of information or production of educational materials: N/A
6. List all publications/references directly related to the proposed project: N/A
7a. Collection of specimens - collecting activities (would apply to any activity): organisms or objects (List of species, if applicable, attach additional sheets if necessary): N/A
Common name:
Scientific name:
& size of specimens:
Collection location:
☐ Whole Organism ☐ Partial Organism
7b. What will be done with the specimens after the project has ended?
7c. Will the organisms be kept alive after collection? Yes No
• Specific site/location:
• Is it an open or closed system? Open Closed
• Is there an outfall? Yes No
• Will these organisms be housed with other organisms? If so, what are the other organisms?

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8. If applicable, how will the collected samples be transported out of the Monument?

Appendix C: Native Hawaiian Practices Application

1. Please state how the purpose and intent of the activity are appropriate and deemed necessary by traditional standards in the Native Hawaiian culture (pono), and demonstrate an understanding of, and background in, the traditional practice, and its associated values and protocols: 2. Please state how the activity benefits the resources of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and the Native Hawaiian community: 3. Please state how the activity supports or advances the perpetuation of traditional knowledge and ancestral connections of Native Hawaiians to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands: 4. Will you be collecting any Monument resource? Yes No If so, please provide the following information: 4a. Collection of specimens - collecting activities (would apply to any activity): organisms or objects (List of species, if applicable, attach additional sheets if necessary): Common name and/or Scientific name: # & size of specimens: Collection location: Whole Organism Partial Organism 4b. What will be done with the specimens after the Native Hawaiian cultural practice is complete? 4c. Will organisms be kept alive after collection? Yes No • Specific site/location: • Is it an open or closed system? Open Closed • Is there an outfall? Yes No • Will these organisms be housed with other organisms? If so, what are the other organisms? • Will organisms be released? NOTE: Any Monument resource harvested from the Monument for the purpose of Native

Hawaiian practices will be consumed in the Monument.

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5. Are you collaborating with others in any way to reduce duplicative activities in the Monument or elsewhere?
6. Gear and materials:
7. Will you erect any Native Hawaiian cultural structures or leave any offerings in the Monument? Yes No
If so, please describe:
8. Will you produce any publications, educational materials or other deliverables? Yes No
Provide a time line for write-up and publication of information or production of materials:

Appendix D: Recreation Application

For Activities in the Midway Atoll Special Management Area Only

- 1. Please explain how the activity is for the purpose of recreation as defined: An activity conducted for personal enjoyment that does not result in the extraction of Monument resources and that does not involve a fee-for-service transaction:
- 2. Other Associated Monument Permits:
- 3. Gear and materials:
- 4. Fixed installations and instrumentation:

Appendix E: Special Ocean Use Application

NOTE: If this is a first time Special Ocean Use activity, it will be subject to a pilot project.

- 1. Please provide proof of general liability insurance, or indicate that you will be posting an equivalent bond against claims arising out of activities conducted under the permit:
- 2. Are you collaborating with others in any way to reduce duplicative activities in the Monument or elsewhere?
- 3. Gear and materials:
- 4. Fixed installations and instrumentation:
- 5. List all publications directly related to the proposed project:

For projects occurring with the Midway Atoll Special Management Area answer the following questions:

- 6. Please explain how your activity has been found compatible with the purposes for which the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge was designated?
- 7. Please explain how your activity meets the requirement of furthering conservation and management of the Monument:

For projects occurring outside of the Midway Atoll Special Management Area answer the following questions:

- 8. Please explain how the proposed activity will directly benefit the conservation and management of the Monument:
- 9. Please explain how the purpose of the proposed activity is for research and education related to resources or qualities of the Monument:

NOTE: SPECIAL OCEAN USE PERMITS OUTSIDE THE MIDWAY ATOLL SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA DO NOT ALLOW THE USE OF A COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VESSEL. A commercial passenger vessel is defined by the monument regulations as a vessel that carries individuals who have paid for such carriage.